

## **TOWN BOARD**

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Mervin R. Livsey	----	Supervisor
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	James Stradley	----	Council Member
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	Lesley Peterson	----	Deputy Town Clerk

ABSENT:	June Gunza	----	Council Member
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Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **MINUTES**

Supervisor Livsey asked that his statement in the minutes, from April 9, be amended to say “poorly planned project”, not “poor project”.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Town Board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED:**   **4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
                              **0-nays**  
                              **1-absent (Gunza)**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Livsey received a letter requesting donations for the Senior Bash.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Supervisor Livsey said that the AUD was electronically filed with the NYS Comptroller on April 19, 2012 and copies are available with the Town Clerk or Supervisor.

Supervisor Livsey reported that Council Member Gunza will have an Emergency Response Meeting with County and State Officials on May 7.

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Supervisor Livsey said that the PBA Contract mediation will begin May 10.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### **Council Member Gokey:**

Assessor's Office: Appraisal Consultants are finished and will forward all the information to the Town's Assessor, Jean Talman.

Council Member Gokey reported that the Highway Tahoe has been turned over to the Recreation Department.

IT: The new parts are expected to be delivered May 1 and it will take approximately 2-3 days to load the new server and swap out completely. After this is complete, IT will communicate with KVS and the Comptroller.

Supervisor Livsey asked about the website.

Council Member Gokey said that she has communicated with the departments to put their stuff on the website. Ms. Gokey said the website is going to be as self-sufficient as possible.

#### **Council Member Stradley:**

Highway/Sanitation: Took a ride with Supt. Squicciarini and a sanitation worker on the recycle route. The biggest concern is that a worker is out and Tony would like to discuss hiring a part-time person.

Ethics: There is an ethics meeting on April 25 and Council Member Stradley would like the Town Board to appoint Denise Gibney to the committee to take Marie Webster's place.

Recreation: Mr. Willis is happy with the Tahoe he acquired from the Highway Supt.

Dial-A-Bus: Ran smoothly this week.

#### **Council Member Edsall:**

Zoning Board: Building Inspector John Hager has done a lot of work with the Master Plan and Mr. Edsall will put the information for 91 properties in a spreadsheet.

Water: The water meeting went good and Council Member Edsall hopes to have a shovel in the ground somewhere in September 2012.

Sewer Plant: There are no issues at the sewer, but chlorine was added.

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Justin Rider said it is unlikely for the shovel to be in the ground in September.

Tony Squicciarini said if the project goes out to bid in July or August, it is likely that the project can begin in September.

Council Member Edsall said the Town needs to assure the residents of Drew Road that something is going to be done before the ground freezes.

Supervisor Livsey agrees that the Town must come through for the residents on Drew Road.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Livsey said that Mr. Hannawalt's project is coming along nicely and it is going to be a nice storage area.

Council Member Gokey asked how many storage units there would be.

Mr. Squicciarini said there were going to be 100.

Supervisor Livsey said he met with the Village last week and he said it feels nice to be welcomed and be part of local government.

Supervisor Livsey spoke to the Garrison Commander who said he doesn't know why the Dial-A-Bus couldn't get a special pass to go on West Point.

Supervisor Livsey said the boat ramp at Long Pond is ready.

Supervisor Livsey reported that there will be an Emergency Services meeting on May 7. The Supervisor also said that the Garrison Commander will be meeting with Seamus O'Leary and he will have to wait to see what the outcome is.

Supervisor Livsey said that Mr. & Mrs. Kopald, Mr. Squicciarini and Council Member Gunza aired their problems about Poplar Street to see what could be done.

Supervisor Livsey said recently reserve fund money was moved to HSBC where, in the first 2 weeks it earned \$266 in interest on a \$2.8 million reserve fund.

Supervisor Livsey said that he is still looking into the matter of the insurance buyout. The Supervisor said the buyout costs the Town a lot of money and he would like to see if there is something better.

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Supervisor Livsey said the Town's Videographer has been in touch with Time Warner Cable about getting a new camera.

Supervisor Livsey reported he took the water tour by the Golf Course and West Point has about 100,000 gallons a day of water.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Ethics Committee Appointment:

Council Member Stradley made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to appoint Denise Gibney to the Ethics Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Vehicle Transfer:

Council Member Stradley made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to transfer the Chevrolet Tahoe from the Highway Department to the Recreation Department.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

#### Surplus Vehicle Disposition:

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to declare the old Police Impala surplus and put it up for sale.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to declare the Tahoe with 154,000 miles surplus.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

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### Water Supply District #2 Amendment:

Supervisor Livsey asked Mr. Rider to explain how the Town would go about amending Water District #2.

Mr. Rider said he does not recommend voting at this time and approving language that can be altered.

### School/Town Inter-Municipal Grass Cutting Agreement:

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to approve the Inter-municipal grass cutting agreement with the School.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

Supervisor Livsey spoke to Dr. Jackson and there is no way the Town can match the quote, per ton, for removable of garbage and recyclables.

### Road Improvements – Mine Road and Kreiger Road:

Mr. Squicciarini asked the Board for a resolution that would allow him to use \$60,000 from the Highway Repair Reserve Fund to resurface Mine Road.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to Authorize Expenditure from the Road Reserve Fund for Mine Road Surface Treatment.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

**\*\*\*\*RESOLUTION ATTACHED\*\*\*\***

Mr. Squicciarini would like to bring Kreiger Road up to specifications. Mr. Squicciarini said there is a structure that would impede bringing this road up to the minimum standard and he would like the Board to possibly consider negotiating with the owner to purchase it.

Supervisor Livsey said that it seems like a mammoth project for a little stretch of road.

Mr. Squicciarini said that the road is beginning to tilt and the bank needs to be stabilized, whether the road is widened or not.

Supervisor Livsey asked Mr. Squicciarini to bring a couple of plans to the Board.

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Mr. Squicciarini asked if the Board would be willing to discuss the possibility of purchasing the garage on that road.

Council Member Stradley said he would work with Mr. Squicciarini on this.

### Request for Part-time Police Officer:

Council Member Stradley made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to accept the resignation of Police Officer Angelo Cutros effective April 21, 2012.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

Chief Quinn requested that the Board hire Peter Russell as a part-time Police Officer.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to hire Peter Russell as a part-time Police Officer with a maximum probationary period of 1 year.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

Council Member Edsall thanked everyone who helped the Rotary and Battlesite with the cleanup recently.

Supervisor Livsey thanked everyone who participated and said it looks great.

Supervisor Livsey said the water situation is looking good.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Flynn thanked the Town for keeping an open door with the Village. He also said he is trying to get Big Brothers/Big Sisters back to the area.

### ADJOURN

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gokey)**  
**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Gunza)**

Attest,  
Lesley Peterson

RESOLUTION

OF

APRIL 23, 2012

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE  
EXPENDITURE FROM  
THE ROAD RESERVE FUND  
FOR MINE ROAD SURFACE TREATMENT

Council Member **Edsall** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Stradley**.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Highlands pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of New York State heretofore established a capital reserve fund for the purpose of repairing, repaving and maintenance of roads known as the Road Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to authorize the expenditure of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) from said capital reserve fund to complete surface treatment on Mine Road from the intersection with Firefighter's Memorial Drive to the West Point property line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, an expenditure not to exceed the sum of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) is hereby authorized from the Road Reserve Fund for surface treatment on Mine Road from the intersection with Firefighter's Memorial Drive to the West Point property line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

James Stradley, Councilman voting **Aye**

June Gunza, Councilwoman voting **Absent**

Holly Gokey, Councilwoman voting **Aye**

William Edsall, Councilman voting **Aye**

Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor voting **Aye**

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and Adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on April 23, 2012.

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June Patterson, Town Clerk